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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 4860th meeting, held in private on 18 November 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Guinea-Bissau'.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Perreira Rosa.

"The President extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), His Excellency Mr. Gert Rosenthal; the representative of the current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), His Excellency Mr. Nana Effah-Apenteng; the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Valle; the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC, His Excellency Mr. Dumisani Kumalo; and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS), Mr. David Stephen.

"The Secretary-General, the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, members of the Security Council, the President of ECOSOC, the representative of the current Chairman of ECOWAS, the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOGBIS had a constructive exchange of views."

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